

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 64.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER.

## Insurances.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
CAPITAL £2,000,000; PAID UP £200,000.  
PAID UP RESERVE FUND £50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS AGAINST FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1882. [165]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE £1,230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,288,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881. £1,938,936.17

DIRECTORS.  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
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HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.  
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.  
SOCIETE ANONYME D'ASSURANCE MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED 15,000,000 Francs,  
CAPITAL PAID-UP 3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

## To be Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES IN NO. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL ALSO,  
No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE,  
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1882. [74]

TO BE LET,  
FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1882,  
THAT LARGE AND COMMODIOUS HOUSE,  
No. 8, ARDTHINOT ROAD, at present in the occupation of Mr. J. D. HUTCHISON.  
Apply to  
J. A. CARVALHO,  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1882. [147]

## Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAR & SONS,  
MERCHANT NAVY  
NAVY BOILED  
LONG FLAX  
CROWN  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [5]

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.  
Agents,  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,  
WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER  
ALWAYS ON HAND  
L. MALLORY,  
Proprietor,  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [11]

## For Sale.

H. FOURNIER & CO.  
HAVE FOR SALE, JUST RECEIVED, EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER  
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
FANCY PLAYING CARDS,  
CRACKERS, BOYBONS (Assorted),  
CHOCOLATE CREAM,  
CHOCOLATE MEXIER.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
FIGS, MALLAGA RAISINS,  
TABLE PLUMS.

FRUITS IN JUICE (Assorted),  
CONFITURES DE ST. JAMES  
(in Bottles and Tins).

SIRUPS (Assorted),  
HUNTER and PALMER'S BISCUITS,  
ALMONDS and NUTS.

VANILLA, PATE DE FOIE GRAS,  
H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
NOIX DE VEAU TRUFFEE (in Tins),  
COOTELETTE DE VEAU (in Tins),  
VEAU ROTI, RIS DE VEAU (in Tins),  
FRICANDAU (Assorted), TRUFFES,  
VEGETABLES (Assorted);  
ANCHOVIES in Oil, CAVIAR,  
SARDINES in Lemon Juice.

SARDINES in Tomatas,  
SARDINES in Oil,  
H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
FRENCH and ENGLISH MUSTARD,  
SAUSAGES (Assorted).

J. TONS SAUSAGES,  
FRENCH & SPANISH OLIVES.

FRENCH ISIGNY BUTTER (in 1 and 2 lbs. Tins).

MACCARONI, (Assorted) Paste, for Soups, Lettuce, stars, &c.

TAPIOCA,  
FINE-GROUND MOCHA COFFEE.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
AN ASSORTMENT OF CHEESE,  
GRUYERE, ROQUEFORT,  
DUTCH, CALIFORNIA, CREAM.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
FRENCH TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

ASSORTED PERFUMERY  
FROM PINAUD and PIVET OF PARIS.

A large quantity of FRENCH MINERAL WATERS  
in Pints of 100 bottles per Case.

CORK STOPPERS,  
for Soda and other Bottles.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
AN ASSORTMENT OF CLARETS

In Bottles and Wood.

CHATEAU LAROSE.

CHATEAU LAFITTE.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

ST. EMILION, MEDOC.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
AN ASSORTMENT OF WINES.

SAUTERNE, PORTO, SHERRY.

MARSALA.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
A SHIPMENT OF BRANDY.

FRENCH COGNAC and ABSINTHE.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,  
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
AN ASSORTMENT OF LIQUEURS.

CHARTREUSE (Pints and Quarts).

BENEDICTINE (Pints and Quarts).

MARASCHINO, CURACAO.

ANISSETTE (Marie Brigard).

ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

BOKER'S BITTERS.

KIRSCHWASSER, PEPPERMINT.

VERMOUTH (Noily Prat).

VERMOUTH (Turino).

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
A LARGE STOCK OF FANCY SILK

UMBRELLAS.

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
DRUGGISTS,  
GENERAL CHEMISTS,  
AND

Manufacturers of the following  
AERATED WATERS,  
viz:

SODA, TONIC, SARSAPARILLA,  
AND POTASH, LEMONADE,  
GINGERADE, RASPBERRYADE,  
AND PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.

Deliveries in Town and Harbour from  
7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REPLIED,  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Prompt Attention given to Coast Orders.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI PHARMACY,  
SHANGHAI.

CANTON DISPENSARY,  
CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY,  
FOOCHOW.

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It is requested that all communications relating to subscriptions, advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1882.

In its issue of the 7th inst. our morning contemporary, referring to some delay in publishing Reuter's telegrams of the 4th inst. observes that by an oversight these messages were not forwarded to the *Daily Press* office on the preceding day. We might also make the same complaint. The telegrams in question were not forwarded to this office; in fact, Reuter's telegrams are never by any chance sent to the *Hongkong Telegraph*, and under all circumstances, we consider we have a perfect right to grumble at what is apparently unjustifiable neglect. We have always had to search for our telegraphic news; either from some friendly disposed and obliging member of the Chamber of Commerce, or in one of the public departments of the Government.

Recently the telegrams have been unusually late in arriving here, or there has been, what appears to us, an unnecessary delay in having them circulated throughout the colony. In consequence of this we have been at times prevented from publishing them in that day's issue, which is very unsatisfactory to ourselves and the public generally. We do not know who must be held responsible for this, but in any case it is a matter of such great public interest that we feel justified in calling the attention of Reuter's Agent to what is certainly a grievance which ought to be at once remedied. As the news telegraphed is invariably at least one day old when it reaches Hongkong, with ordinary care all messages should arrive before noon, and be circulated within one hour after receipt, the first copies being sent to the public newspapers.

There appears to exist in certain circles some kind of an idea that the *Daily Press* and *China Mail* have a greater right or claim to publish Reuter's telegrams than the *Telegraph*. We believe that our contemporaries once paid the magnificent sum of \$10 per month for the right of publishing the messages wired by the enterprising Baron. Perhaps they still subscribe the above amount for the very doubtful privilege we have just named! We are not on the list of subscribers, nor under present existing circumstances have we any intention of privately subscribing to an institution which is the common property of the Hongkong public. As representatives of the public, and as members of the community and taxpayers, we claim the right to be supplied with what is admittedly public property, and unless the same pri-

vileges that appear to have been in the past extended to our contemporaries are accorded to us in the future, we shall respectfully request His Excellency the Administrator to take action in the matter.

In a despatch to the Earl of KIMBERLEY, dated January 24th, 1882, Governor HENNESSY in replying to an enquiry from the Secretary of State observes: "The small sum voted as subscription to Reuter's telegrams has been regularly sanctioned by my predecessor and myself after the approval of the vote by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, and on condition that the Chamber of Commerce contribute a subscription to an equal amount. This very moderate subsidy enables the public to obtain some telegraphic information of general interest that we would not otherwise get in Hongkong."

The sum of one thousand dollars per annum of public money is paid by the Government for Reuter's telegrams, or as Governor HENNESSY very plainly puts it, to enable the public to obtain some telegraphic information of general interest, that without this subscription would not be obtainable. With the question as to whether we get value for our money we need not deal at present; but we claim in the public interest, a right to have all telegrams forwarded to us for publication immediately they are received, otherwise we maintain that \$1,000 of public money is being subscribed under pretences which the Secretary of State has not had clearly explained to him, and which cannot justify the expenditure of the revenue of this colony. As the Government, on behalf of the public, subscribes a similar amount to that which gives the members of the Chamber of Commerce the privilege of receiving a copy of all telegrams, we claim as a public representative to have the same privilege—such as it is—extended to all the newspapers in this colony whether English or Chinese, so that the news may be published without the slightest delay.

The once brilliant fame of the Dowager Countess of Essex—better known to the world as Miss STEPHENS—says the *Daily News*, belongs to a period now so remote that probably most persons who read the announcement of the death of this celebrated vocalist and actress had been under the impression that she had long since passed away. She was born, if early memoirs may be trusted, on the 18th of September, 1794, and was therefore in her 88th year; but even this date does not seem to carry us back into the past as does the fact that seventy years ago rival professors were contending in the public papers for the honour of having shared in her training for the stage. Her father, who was somewhat vaguely described as "a carver and gilder in this busy metropolis," but whom the more courtly compilers of Peerages describe as "EDWARD STEPHENS, Esq., of Leadwell, Oxon," had two daughters remarkable for their musical talents. The elder Miss STEPHENS—afterwards Mrs. J. SMITH—had already attained some distinction as an actress and singer, and was engaged at Drury Lane about the time when her sister CATHERINE, who was destined to become far more famous, was placed as an articled pupil with GESUALDO LANZA, who appears to have kept a sort of academy for operatic students in Foley-street, Portland-place. Here, as Lanza proudly boasted, "she studied from my theory, the elements of singing for five years, and I prepared her for the stage, affording her the instructions of Mr. Whinour in elocution out of my own pocket." It may be inferred that Lanza's system was to give instruction to promising pupils—children of parents of humble means—in the hope of finding their reward in the early development of their talents as concert and operatic singers. If so, he could hardly have found a more satisfactory apprentice than little CATHERINE STEPHENS, who, though the misfortune of her being near-sighted caused some delay, could after two years' instruction, as he tells us, "sing at sight with perfect correctness whenever she could obtain a close view of the score." It was about that time—she being then in her fourteenth year—that she appeared in concert at Bath, Bristol, Margate, Tunbridge, Wells, and numerous other towns—generally under the name of Miss YOUNG—and finally at the Pantheon and the Italian Opera, where she played and sang in small parts. It is even affirmed by Lanza that in the absence of Madame CATALANI, Signor GUGLIELMO, the composer, was desirous of engaging her as the prima donna at that house, but he adds, "her timidity and insufficiency in the Italian language were the cause of my declining the engagement." A substitute for CATALANI who had not yet attained her sixteenth year is not easily to be conceived; but these statements were published at the time, and remained uncontradicted. Nevertheless, Miss STEPHENS's friends seem to have thought it advisable that she should continue her studies under another instructor—Mr. THOMAS WELCH—who appears to have

been also an organizer of concerts, and is said to have been fortunate enough to secure for himself one-half the high salary which he was finally enabled to obtain for her under an engagement at Covent Garden. It was, in fact, her *debut* at the latter house on the 23rd of September, 1813, which first brought her fame in the strict sense of the word. The part chosen for her was Mandane in Dr. ARNE's *Artaxerxes*, which was quickly followed by Polly in *The Beggar's Opera*, Clara in *The Duenna*, and other parts. Only a fortnight after her first appearance Hazlitt wrote in the *Examiner*: "Miss STEPHENS becomes more and more a favourite of the public. Her singing is delicious; but, admired as it is, it is not admired as it ought to be. Oh, if she had been wafted to us from Italy! A voice more sweet, varied, and flexible was perhaps never heard upon the English stage." He adds: "We doubt whether Catalani could give the ballad style of the songs in *Artaxerxes*—simple but elegant, chaste but full of expression—with equal purity, taste, and tenderness." As regards her acting, Leigh Hunt, one of the best of critics of her time, describing her Polly, speaks of its "beautiful repose; the irresistible way in which she condescends to beseech support when she might extort reluctant wonder, and the graceful awkwardness and naivete of her manner, more captivating than the most finished elegance, completing the charm of her singing." The writers, indeed, who have borne testimony to the singular charm both of her singing and acting are neither few nor undistinguished. MACREADY, who often performed with her in those days, when serious and romantic drama were sometimes made to include "singing parts," has frequent allusions to her, all of which are marked with affectionate admiration. "Her voice," he tells us, "was of the most exquisite sweetness and extraordinary compass; there was occasional archness and humour in her comic scenes—always in intelligence; and, combined with an almost rustic or child-like simplicity, a correctness of judgement that never deserted her." In the same passage he speaks of "the joyous eagerness" with which "frequenter of the theatre used to welcome her, as she nightly appeared before them." Miss STEPHENS has been described as "about the medium height of her sex, with dark hair and eyes, and a countenance which though fascinating was not, strictly speaking, handsome." MACREADY speaks of "ce petit nez trousse." She was much respected, and was a welcome guest in fashionable circles for many years before her marriage with GEORGE, fifth Earl of Essex, which took place on the 19th of April, 1838, and, as contemporary records add, "by special licence at his lordship's house in Belgrave-square." This was, we believe, the house—No. 9—in which her ladyship had long lived in comparative retirement, and where she expired. Lord Essex, who at the time of his marriage had been a widower only two months, was nearly forty years older than his second wife; and he died in April of the following year.

JOSEPH MAXWELL, of Australia, printer, who may justly be termed the "incurable," figured again before the Magistrate this morning on the 4th March in Quin Hon harbour. The master said the defendants disobeyed his orders and compelled him to advance them a month's wages. The boatswain was the leader in the affair. He shipped them at Swatow. Defendants said they had no money and wanted some, and having expressed their willingness to return to duty, and the master not wishing to press them on condition of their behaving themselves.

CHUN FUK, a boatman unemployed, was charged this morning before Captain Thomsett with being in unlawful possession of a blanket, a pair of trousers, and a jacket on the 7th instant. Constable Buttine saw the prisoner going Police along Hollywood Road with a bundle under his arm. He asked him what he had in it, and he said it contained his own clothing. Doubting the correctness of this, the constable asked to be allowed to look at the contents, when the defendant threw the bundle at him and took to his heels. Determined not to let his quarry thus escape him, the constable gave chase and overtook the defendant; who, on his way to the station, threw something into a house under repair, where the constable found this morning on searching, a bad half dollar lying in the rubbish.

The constable enquired at the Barracks as to whether any clothing had been missed, and discovered that the blanket, trousers and jacket belonged to a corporal and a gunner in the Royal Artillery, who came forward to-day and identified the prisoner admitted the charge. There being six previous convictions against him the Magistrate committed the case for trial at the supreme Court.

THE SPANISH steamer *Julietta* went over to Kowloon Docks this morning.

A REUTER'S telegram received this morning announces that the Porte, having some doubts about the French policy in the North of Africa, is sending reinforcements to Tripoli.

By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of the Buffs, the Band of the Regiment will play at the Hongkong School's Athletic sports on Tuesday next from 3 o'clock until 5.

THE regular monthly meeting of the United Service Lodge, No. 1331, E.C., will be held this evening at the Freemason's Hall, Zetland street at 7.30 for 8 o'clock; visiting brethren are, as usual, cordially invited to attend.

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WE understand that arrangements are being made for a Military Athletic Meeting to be held on the Cricket Ground on Thursday next. Details of the programme have not reached us; but we are informed that in all probability there will be an Open Quarter Mile Race, for which members of the various Athletic Clubs in the Colony will be eligible to compete.

THE remanded case of attempting to smuggle 47 men on board the P. & O. steamer *Decan* on the 4th instant, came on again this morning before Mr. Wodehouse. Mr. Stokes, of the firm of Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared on behalf of the prosecution, and applied for a further remand. The Magistrate remanded the case till Wednesday next at eleven o'clock. The defendants were allowed out on bail of one surety of fifty dollars each, or one fourth of the amount of previous bail.

WE, Shanghai *Courier*, hear that a collision, which at one time appeared to be of a very serious nature this morning occurred through the leaving of the *Kiang Kuan* from the Kien-yeun Wharf, and her drifting on to the *Patroclus*. The only damage done was to one of the paddle-boxes of the *Kiang Kuan*, which caught the stern of the "Blue Funnel" boat, that was at her moorings. The strong current and wind which obtained at the time was the cause of the mishap.

WE have good reasons for believing that the project now on foot to establish telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Macao will shortly assume a definite form. It is reported that both our local companies are willing to undertake to lay the cable under certain conditions. As the cost of the entire undertaking will amount to comparatively little, and as it is very influential supported amongst the Portuguese, we cannot doubt that the proposed line will soon become *un fait accompli*.

THE imprudence of placing confidence in Chinese servants, however long they may have been in one's service, and however apparently honest, received further illustration at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Liddell's, the superintendent of the Kowloon Docks, boy, who had been ten years in his service, and was implicitly trusted by him, has been proved to have been in the habit of robbing his master for a considerable time. The details of the case, which was remanded, will be found elsewhere.

YESTERDAY afternoon the lighthouse keeper on Green Island discovered a small sampan high and dry on the beach, near the landing place, a dead man's feet protruding from the boat. The body, which was that of an old Chinaman who lived apparently by picking up garbage, &c. in the harbour, was taken to the Civil hospital. It bore no marks of injury, and death would appear to have resulted from natural causes. The body presented a very dried-up, shrivelled appearance and seemed to be that of an opium smoker. The dead body of a child wrapped up in a cloth, was also found on the beach there, further on, and was also sent to the hospital.

WE earnestly recommend, says the *Japan Weekly Mail*, to the perusal of the *Hochi Shinbun* and of all the so-called "Progressionists" whose chief organ that journal professes to be, a letter from "Foreign Capitalist," which will be found in our correspondence columns. There are times when Japan's best friends—friends who refuse to take serious umbrage at any of the wild utterances vented by the *Hochi Shinbun* and its fellow thinkers—throw up their hands in despair over her prospects and ask themselves whether it can really be true that on the very threshold of political liberty, party spirit and party intrigue are powerful enough to make men utterly blind to the best interests of their country. We are no longer in any doubt as to the Radical programme. It is a programme that appeals to all the selfish sympathies of all classes—to the Shizoku, who are to be restored to a portion at least of their sometime affluence; to the military, whose numbers are to be largely increased and who are to be regarded as the chief factor of their country's greatness; to the people, who are promised an immediate share in the management of their own affairs; to the priests, who are told that Christianity shall be interdicted and Buddhism restored to its old supremacy; and to the whole nation, which is assured that speedy measures will be taken to restrain the impious aliens' aggression and to recover for Japan a multitude of shadowy rights which she is supposed to have forfeited. It will be an evil day for Japan when the framers of this programme find themselves in a position to carry it out; when the only route along which the country can advance to affluence and consideration—the route of foreign commerce—is effectually closed by an insane policy such as that justly denounced by "Foreign Capitalist."

WE observe in a London contemporary that a country newspaper has been suggesting that it would be a happy thing to re-erect the old Eddystone Lighthouse on the Victoria Embankment as a companion to Cleopatra's Needle. It may reasonably be presumed that the said provincial journal knows nothing whatever of the Thames Embankment. Any one who has seen Cleopatra's Needle would not wish to look upon another, let alone the Eddystone Lighthouse. The needle, as it stands, with a couple of fabulous beasts turning their tails towards it, is a sorry sight. What the embankment would look like if the Eddystone Lighthouse were added we do not conjecture. It is evident, however, that if certain persons had their way we should soon have the embankment turned into a hideous museum. Might we suggest in retaliation, our contemporary, that the "griffin" should be taken down, and transferred to the top of the Cheviot Hills.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Gwalior* with the next English Mail left Singapore for Hongkong on Friday the 7th inst. at 9 a.m.

THE Revenue Cruiser *Ling Feng*, Captain Farrow, arrived yesterday from Takao and went into the Amoy Dock to-day. *Gazette*.

RATHER wiresthat the Government has demanded the suspension of the Channel Tunnel pending the military report of the Committee of Inquiry.

A LONDON telegram of the 5th inst. states that the President of the United States has vetoed the bill for the exclusion of Chinese from New York.

WE learn that Major Hamilton of the Buffs, late Acting Assistant Military Secretary to General Donavan, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Administrator.

THE Messageries Maritimes Co.'s str. *Dynamal* with the incoming French mail left Saigon on Thursday the 6th inst. at 3 p.m. and passed Cape St. James's the same evening at eight o'clock.

IN the House of Commons on April 4th the Premier made a statement concerning the situation in Ireland describing it as unparalleled in the last fifty years; he stated that the Government appreciated the danger but would choose its own time for making fresh proposals to the House.

THE *Japan Gazette* hears from good authority that the terminus of the Mitsu Bishi Mail Steamship Company's steamers on the Hongkong line will in future be at Kobe. The route will now be Hongkong, Nagasaki and Kobe. This was spoken of at the close of last year but was vetoed by the government.

THE ways of the "Heathen Chinee" are indeed curious. A new style of paying respect to the "dear departed" came under our observation yesterday. A Chinese gentleman created quite a sensation by purchasing the whole of the live fish in the Central Market and afterwards setting them adrift in their native element for the benefit of the souls of some of his ancestors, and appease the water gods. It was a rather expensive game, as the fishmongers charged unusually high prices, owing to there being a big demand on account of Good Friday. However a very large quantity of fish and lobsters, and one turtle were liberated, the latter being marked with appropriate characters.

A CLASS is about to be formed on board her Majesty's ship *Excellent* for the purpose of enabling subaltern officers of Royal Marine Light Infantry to qualify for the appointment of Assistant Gunnery Instructors at the Marine divisions. The class is expected to assemble on the 6th proximo.

THE Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. infoed us on Thursday afternoon that the steamer *Saghalien* arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m. It would therefore appear that the delay of Heshan, alluded to in our last issue, could only have been of a temporary character.

THE Pope has addressed a letter to the Archbishops and Bishops of Italy, painting in the darkest colours the spiritual depravity of the country, and urging them as an antidote to promote the formation of Catholic associations, the establishment and diffusion of Catholic journals, and to devote special care to the training of the young priests.

Russia has at last, says the *Standard*, shown her hand in her negotiations with the Vatican, she requires, as the price of peace and liberty for the Church in Poland, that the Church shall no more pretend to be the called national, and that the Pontiff shall use religious sentiment to foster and promote Slavism. It is not likely that such pretensions will be admitted.

WE note, says the *Amoy Gazette* of the 1st inst., the departure to-day by the steamship *Zhales* for Hongkong of señor Don Thomas Lozano, Spanish Consul General at this port, en route to Europe on furlough. We hear that señor Don Antolin Pita y Cazares, Vice-Consul, remains in charge of the Consulate General.

AT the instance of Major-General Burnaby, the War Office is just now considering the advisability of ordering out the Army Reserve for the drill period allowed by law, and arranging that the veteran soldiers who have quitted the colours shall be mingled with the troops now serving in the line. This idea of proving the reality of the Reserve is received with high favour in military circles.</



# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

## Commercial.

THIS DAY, FOUR P.M.

There is still nothing of importance to report from the share market. A leading operator told us this morning, that unless things shortly take a change for the better, the brokers—like Othello—will find their occupations gone. We hope things won't quite come to that, as there can be little doubt that our worthy share brokers are the glory and ornament of Hongkong society—more or less. With no actual business done, it is difficult to accurately define the positions of the various stocks, so we leave our former quotations unaltered, with the exception of Chinese Insurances which are rather weaker than when we last wrote, sellers offering to do business at 250 per share. After the departure of the French Mail on Monday, we may see a little life infused into share business generally although it is very doubtful, as there appears to be no inclination to resume operations amongst the usual patrons of the Stock Exchange.

### SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—112 per cent. premium, sellers. Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share. China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,600 per share. North China Insurance—Tls. 1,200 per share. Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$871 per share, sellers. Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 885 per share. Chinese Insurance Company—\$250 per share, sellers. On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$930 per share, sellers. China Fire Insurance Company—\$295 per share. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—52 per cent. premium, sellers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$254 per share, premium, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, sellers. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share. China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium. Hongkong Ice Company—\$131 per share, sellers. Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$55 per share, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1 per cent. prem. ex. int. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. prem.

### EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/81  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/9  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/91  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/91 @ 1  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/91 @ 1  
ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/69  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4/81  
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T.T. ..... 220  
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. ..... 220  
ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, sight ..... 721  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 721

### OPIUM MARKET:—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA ..... per picul, \$640 (Allowance, Taels 40)  
OLD MALWA ..... per picul, \$700 (Allowance, Taels 36)  
PATNA (without choice) ..... per chest, \$580  
PATNA (first choice) ..... per chest, \$582  
PATNA (second choice) ..... per chest, \$577  
PATNA (bottom) ..... per chest, \$585  
BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$573  
BENARES (bottom) ..... per chest, \$570  
PERSIAN ..... per picul, \$485

### HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)  
THIS DAY.

Barometer—2 A.M.	30.132
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Barometer—2 P.M.	30.132
Barometer—8 P.M.	30.132
Thermometer—2 A.M.	70
Thermometer—4 P.M.	62
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wat. bath)	68
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wat. bath)	59
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Thermometer—Maximum	70
Thermometer—Minimum (over eight)	57

### CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

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